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3. [REDACTED] data on coal stocks and coal consumption [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] between 11 and 31 December:

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	Date in December				
	11/12	20	24	31	
Hard coal (tons)	36,342	22,538	13,837	11,442)
Briquettes "	32,082	22,128	22,743	19,599	
Coal dust "	292	342	123	238)
Raw brown coal "	13,217	14,649	15,322	21,734	
Hard coal slurry "	1,703	4,675	5,246	5,622)
Total (BU)	26,883	72,871	55,024	97,320	
Days' requirements	4.9	3.0	2.1	1.9	1
Supply (BU)	46,298	17,722	25,512	28,079)
Consumption (BU)	47,711	24,455	26,378	24,822	
Daily consumption quota (BU)	21,985	21,985	21,985	21,985)

4. The following coal stocks were available between 31 December and 5 January:

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	Sta Date				
	December 21	22	January 3	5	
Days' requirements	1.9	2.4	4.7	5.0	1
Hard coal (tons)		17,720		22,736)
Brown coal briquettes "		23,527		76,953	
Hard coal slurry "		5,135		6,885)
Raw brown coal "		14,878		22,576	
Brown coal dust "		347		599)

On 31 December, coal stocks decreased to 1.9 days' requirements because shipments from Poland were temporarily discontinued. To keep up railroad operations, Minister President Otto Grothewohl, therefore had to order the requisition for railroad consumption of coal shipments earmarked for household consumption.⁴ Hard coal slurry cannot be loaded during frosty weather.⁵ Part of the repair installations of RAWs had to be closed temporarily because of a shortage of coal.

5. Comment. Compared to the last reported status of 14 December for which 4.9 days' requirements were recorded, total coal stocks remained about constant with 5 days' requirements on 5 January. [REDACTED] During that period, however, coal stocks dwindled to 1.9 days' requirements on 21 December, which was the lowest amount reported so far and necessitated special measures. [REDACTED] The GDR railroads depend entirely on coal imports from Poland and an interruption of such shipments will create a very critical situation at any time.

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2. Comment. Total coal stocks on 5 January amounted to 122,680 tons (BU) including 34,104 tons (BU) of hard coal, 76,953 tons (BU) of brown coal briquettes, 2,794 tons (BU) of hard coal slurry, 8,230 tons (BU) of raw brown coal, and 599 tons (BU) of brown coal dust. The hard coal proportion of total coal stocks, which, on 14 December, was 59 percent decreased to 28 percent. 25X1
3. Comment. During the reported period, 117,603 tons (BU) of coal were supplied and 123,373 tons (BU) were consumed. 25X1
4. Comment. Previous information indicated that, shortly before Christmas, trucks were hauling coal for the firing of locomotives from railroad stations to other railroad stations in need in order to keep up operations. 25X1
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5. Comment. Hard coal slurry is affected by frost because of its high moisture content. 25X1

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